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2. This new course requires that the editing office be reorganized and that an editing "college" be established as with the Neues Deutschland. The staff now includes Alwin Schaper who shares his authority as editor in chief with Gerhart Fischer,  editing office secretary and liaison officer with the party headquarters; Dr. Guenther Wirth,  Bert Pfau from Halle; and Trebs (fn), who chiefly deals with church questions. Except for Trebs, who previously was Nuschke's adviser on church questions in the party headquarters, all new members of the editing staff are Goetting's followers. This sharpening of the general party line in newspapers, which was also reflected in directives concerning the treatment of church questions, was apparently a result of the fact that Goetting prevailed over Nuschke with the help of the SED Central Committee. ~~Nuschke had only recently advocated an easing of the press.~~

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